

They bear not merely the burden of the ministry but of want as well. The church takes their money for the fund, but grants them no succor. The fund ought to provide for all such cases.

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THE SAVED MAN AS A MORAL ASSET.

The saved man is a valuable asset in a community and so far as his influence extends into the world at large. The value of the world is in its moral quality. In the great appraisalment gold and silver weigh but little. Intellectual ability has a positive value, for it belongs to the original image of God in which man was created, and so far as it is used according to the original purpose is of inestimable value. But the moral element in our nature is above all, and gives ultimate value to all. A non-Christian man may be a valuable member of a community and in many ways contribute largely to the common welfare. His life and work may be of a high moral quality, and yet, lacking in that which comes through faith in Christ, may prove fatally defective. There goes out from him an influence that is not Christlike, and, therefore, not of the quality which normally belongs to man. As God created man, the individual attains his proper place and value when he becomes what God intended he should be, and for which the divine agencies are working. As man was created in the image of God, with His qualities, the individual reaches his proper value in proportion as he is restored to the image of God, with His qualities, the individual reaches his proper value in proportion as he is restored to the image of God, with His qualities, the individual reaches his proper value in proportion as he is restored to the image of God, or, as the New Testament puts it, as he is conformed to the image of the Divine Son. Unregenerated, he is lacking in the highest essential quality, and so far as an element of weakness. He may be a positive force for evil. The great world of wickedness is about us because of being without Christ.

One saved by the Lord Jesus Christ is a regenerate person; one born anew, born of the Spirit of God, one with Christ in his heart, one with the divine element so far restored. He is not at once perfect, but so far as divine grace was wrought in him he ceases to do evil and learns to do well.

He is himself a new man in Christ. Old things have passed, or are passing, away. So as his life was for evil, or without good, he is no longer a deprecated man; he is in the rising scale; he is a better man, and gains possession of the higher moral qualities which gave real value to manhood.

He becomes a new moral force. He lives from a different point and he moves toward a different object. Whether he take a more or less active position, an influence for better things goes out from him. So far as his life reaches he strengthens all that is good. He is a contributor to the higher moral forces of the world. As the work of grace advances in him he becomes a better companion; he becomes a truer friend; he becomes one in whom people can place confidence, he becomes one whose desires and aims in the world

are Christ-ward. The world's betterment and salvation lie in God being in the world, not simply as the ruler, but as being in the individual heart and going forth into the life in a lower sense, but closely related to that which is said of Christ, "God manifest in the flesh;" or as it is expressed by Paul, "Christ living in us." The life of the saved man becomes the outgoing of the indwelling Christ. Such a life is of unspeakable value to the world. It is possible that we sometimes overlook this in our Christian work, the value the saved one may be to the world. We preach for the conversion of men to God; in so doing we should remember that the end sought is a double one, the salvation of the person, and, second, the salvation of the community, or state, or world. This two-fold object should never be lost sight of. A minister of the gospel has the highest possible encouragement in this assurance that the saved man is a fountain of righteousness and love to the world about him.—United Presbyterian.

CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS.

Stop that thought. It was in your mind all day yesterday, and it made you perfectly miserable. Over and over again you passed through all the unpleasant scenes, heard all the cruel words that were spoken, suffered again all the painful feelings, and succeeded in spoiling the day, unfitting yourself for your work and destroying all happiness out of your heart. Are you going to continue it all day to-day, and by so doing waste more of your life in the foolish, if not insane, habit of tormenting yourself now because someone or something made you unhappy in the past?

That thought has no right in your mind. You may think you cannot stop it, but you can, as it is only a bad habit you have fallen into, and you must break it, or it will break you. You must get the mastery of your own mind and the control of your own thoughts, and while it will be the hardest battle you will ever have to fight, it will be the most glorious victory you will ever win.

To be a slave to unpleasant thoughts is the worst kind of bondage, and sometimes leads to insanity; but to be able to think on any subject you please places your happiness in your own hands, and gives you a sense of power and independence which is not only delightful to realize, but which enables you to develop your character and shape your life according to your own choice. When you begin this work, never shut yourself up in a room alone to brood or pray over your sorrow, but do those things which will make you forget it; live in the open air as much as possible; get acquainted with the birds; watch the clouds; study the flowers; talk to the streams or trees, and make companions of the wonderful works of the loving Father, which will help you out of yourself into the broader and sweeter life which they live. But if you cannot do this, have a book near at hand, and compel yourself to read a few lines or a few verses; visit a friend; do some work which demands close attention; study a picture; and whenever the hateful, tormenting thought presents itself, turn your back on it and your attention to something else till you can say to it: "Not at home."—J. M. Holmes.

THE CHURCH IN THE WEST.

Perhaps no greater proof of the remarkable progress of the west during recent years, could be adduced than the evidence given by Rev. Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg in a sermon on "The Needs of the West," preached in St. Andrew's church on Sunday, the 15th instant.

Speaking of the needs of the west, Dr. Bryce gave a graphic description of the opening up of missions by the Presbyterian church, the hardships and trials of the first missionaries; their indefatigable zeal; their courage and finally the triumph of a great cause.

In Four Decades.

During the past thirty-nine years in the speakers' own experience, the number of preaching places, west of Lake Superior, has increased from 9 to 2,100. Of this number 500 are settled churches, and 1,600 mission stations. And still, while the older and more permanently settled parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are gradually becoming able to support their own missions and even to contribute to the general fund, other parts, such as western Saskatchewan and Eastern Alberta, the scene of the great influx of population from Europe, and the United States, are utterly unable to support themselves.

Missionary Work.

Missionary work among foreigners, in the west, is progressing favorably. Hungarians, Scandinavians, Italians, and Ruthenians are receiving missionary aid. Thirteen years ago, work was begun among the Ruthenians. Now there are about 30 ministers of the Independent Greek church in the west. At present there are 35 Ruthenian students, in Manitoba college, preparing as ministers and teachers.

In addition to this work the church supports four hospitals in connection with the Ruthenian missions; at Teulon, Vegreville, Wakaw and Ethelbert.

To Meet the Needs.

The church further contemplates erecting in Winnipeg, at a cost of \$25,000, premises adequate to meet the needs in conducting missionary work among foreigners in the west.

Already, the Women's Home Missionary Society has given a grant of about \$5,000. The remainder will be collected in Winnipeg.

Last year contributions amounted to \$208,000. This being \$30,000 more than was asked for, the missionaries' salaries for the past half year were increased proportionately.

WHAT CHRIST WANTS.

Is there nothing that Christ, as your friend, your Lord, your Saviour, wants you to do that you are leaving undone to-day? Do you doubt one instant that it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all the men about you who are His brethren? And are you doing anything like that? Do you doubt one instant that His will is that you should make life serious and lofty? Do you doubt one instant that He wants you to be pure in deed and word and thought? And are you pure? Do you doubt one instant that His command is for you openly to own Him, and declare that you are His servant before all the world? And have you done it? These are questions which make the whole matter clear. No, not in quiet lanes nor in bright temple courts, as once He spake, and not from blazing heavens as men sometimes seem to expect—not so does Christ speak to us.

And yet He speaks! I know what He—there in all His glory—He here in my heart—wants me to do to-day, and I know that I am not mistaken in my knowledge. It is no guess of mine. It is His voice that tells me. —Phillips Brooks.